

Substitute for Form 1449 A & B/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)				Complete if Known	
				Application Number	10/018,367
				Confirmation Number	7863
				Filing Date	December 19, 2001
				First Named Inventor	Hideya SAITO
				Art Unit	1711
				Examiner Name	Robert D. Harlan
				Attorney Docket Number	Q67396
Sheet	1	of	1		

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS


Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)		
PH		US 5,264,509	A	11-23-1993	Albano Margherita et al

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Translation ⁶
		Country Code ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)			
PH		EP	0 518 073	A	12-16-1992	AUSIMONT SPA	
PH		EP	0 769 521	A	04-23-1997	AUSIMONT SPA	
PH		EP	0 979 832	A	02-16-2000	AUSIMONT SPA	

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city, and/or country where published.	Translation ⁶
		Supplementary European Search Report EP 00 94 0863 dated August 25, 2004	

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	4/4/04
--------------------	---	-----------------	--------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov, MPEP 901.04 or in the comment box of this document. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST. 3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to indicate here if English language Translation is attached.